(c) whether any arrest has since been made in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The CBI was entrusted with the investigation of the War Room leak case in February 2006. After conducting investigation, the CBI has filed charge sheet in the matter. The CBI had also arrested certain individuals in connection with the case. During the course of investigation conducted, the CBI did not find till now any reference to the Scorpene Project.

Sensitising army towards women officers

†2778. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women officers working at pesent in the Army;

(b) whether Government are considering any programme to sensitise Army towards women staff; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The total strength of women officers in the Army, other than Medical, Dental and Nursing Serivces, is 908 as on 1st August, 2006.

(b) and (c) The officers and personnel in the Army are sensitized from time to time on work related ethics to be followed while interacting with lady officers. These include, ethics to be followed by superiors while delegating tasks and responsibilities to lady officers and treatment and interaction with lady officers, norms for interaction during social functions etc. for maintaining a congenial and professional working environment.

Defence agreement with China

2779. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed a trade agreement with the Government of China during Defence Minister's recent visit to that country;

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(b) if so, what are the details and the highlights thereof; and

(c) what benefits are likely to accrue to the country following this agreement?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in activities by Chinese Army along Border

†2780. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Chinese army has increased its activities along Uttaranchal and Himachal border; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There has been no significant change in the Chinese activity along Uttaranchal and Himachal border. The security forces are constantly monitoring the situation along the border keeping in view the threat perception.

Visit of Defence Minister to Japan and China

2781. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the objectives pursued by Government during recent visits of Defence Minister to Japan and China;

(b) the summary of the outcome of the said visits;

(c) whether talks were held for consolidating strategic partnership for peace and stability in the region;

(d) the details of the MoU or accord, if any, reached as a result thereof; and

(e) the details of the ranks of the Ministry of External Affairs who accompanied him on these visits, besides the Indian Embassy officials posted at Tokyo and Beijing?

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